



RESEARCH UPDATE

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Distinguished Researcher Seminar to Feature Public Health Scholar: September 24, 2021**

Theresa Byrd, R.N., Dr.P.H., will present a talk on “What is Public Health: Research example AMIGAS” at noon on September 24, 2021 in Room 160. Dr. Byrd is Associate Dean and Chair of the Department of Public Health at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX. The seminar will also be available on Zoom. A reception for Dr. Byrd will follow the seminar at 1:00 p.m. for those attending in person. *Dr. Byrd’s visit is being hosted by the Department of Biomedical Science. The Distinguished Research Seminar Series is sponsored by the Office of Research.*

 - **About Dr. Byrd**

Dr. Byrd has spent most of her career working with US-Mexico border and migrant populations. She has been involved in several projects aimed at understanding the attitudes and beliefs of Hispanic women, and has participated in the development of interventions to change health behavior. In a CDC funded project, she and her colleagues developed a theory-based intervention to increase cervical cancer screening in Hispanic women, which was found to be highly effective in a clinical trial. She has also been involved in the development of an intervention to increase colorectal cancer screening, an intervention to help men make decisions about prostate cancer treatment, and the development and testing of a CD-ROM on cancer genetics for Hispanic women.

Dr. Byrd's career has largely been devoted to community-based research with US-Mexico border and migrant populations. She has been involved in projects aimed at understanding the health-related attitudes and beliefs of Hispanics, and in the development of interventions to change health behaviors (e.g. cancer prevention and screening, initiation of prenatal care, breast-feeding, environmental risk and car safety. Currently, she is Co-Director of three Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) funded grants; ACCION (Against Colorectal Cancer in Our Neighborhoods), De Casa en Casa (increasing cervical cancer screening) and BEST (breast cancer screening). Dr. Byrd was PI of a CDC-funded project to develop a theory-based intervention aimed at increasing cervical cancer screening adherence in Hispanic women (AMIGAS) which has recently been tested for efficacy in three cities and found to be very effective. It is now considered a "program that works" and is available from CDC (Byrd, PI). She is currently Co-Investigator on a CDC funded project to understand men's decision-making in prostate cancer treatment and to develop a decision-aid for prostate cancer treatment decisions.

In the past she been Co-Investigator on two other CDC-funded projects: one project developed and evaluated prostate cancer screening decision aids for Hispanic men in El Paso, Texas, and African-American men in South Carolina; and, the second developed and evaluated a behavioral intervention for blood pressure control for Hispanics, employing promotoras to deliver the educational messages. As Co-Investigator on Ethnic Variations in Attitudes toward Hysterectomy, funded by the Women's Health initiative and CDC, Dr. Byrd was actively involved in developing culturally relevant videos for English- and Spanish- speaking women on shared decision-making for surgery that were tested in community clinic-based groups led by community health workers.
- **September Student Research Town Hall**

The next Student Research Town Hall is scheduled for September 28, 2021 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Room 160.

- Dr. Adrienne Kania will provide a short presentation about ongoing research in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. Please contact [Dr. Stauss](#) for more information.
- Steps toward developing a Student Research Organization will also be discussed. Individuals interested in having a leadership role in the organization should contact Dr. Stauss or Dr. Benoit.

- **Distinction in Research Path**

Students who are considering participation in the [Distinction in Research](#) Pathway should contact [Dr. Stauss](#) for more information. The Distinction in Research is an optional path that recognizes a high level of engagement by a medical student in research. Current 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students who plan to or have previously participated in the Summer Research Experience may be eligible for admission into the pathway.

- **Research Laboratories Custodial Services**

The Research Laboratories have scheduled weekly custodial services on Saturdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. We ask investigators to not schedule laboratory activities during this time. Please contact the [Research Laboratories](#) for additional details.

- **AACOM Annual Conference Call for Abstracts**

The abstract submission period for Educating Leaders 2022, the AACOM Annual Conference, is now open. Present your work during the nation's premier osteopathic medical education event from April 27-29, 2022, both onsite in Nashville, Tennessee and online from anywhere in the world. **Deadline for Abstract Submission is October 7, 2021.** [CLICK HERE](#) for Abstract Submission Information.

- **American College of Physicians:**

The American College of Physicians New Mexico Chapter Scientific Meeting will be held November 5-6, 2021 at the University of New Mexico Health Science Center, Albuquerque, NM. [Register for the Meeting HERE](#). There is no charge for Residents or Medical Students to attend the meeting. Please contact Colleen Keeku colleenkeekuacp@gmail.com with questions about the abstract competition.

- **AACOM Advocacy Day: October 6-7, 2021**

AACOM Advocacy Day will feature members of Congress, congressional staff, and government relations professional in virtual informational panels presenting on the state of Congress, effective advocacy and AACOM's public policy priorities. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **University of New Mexico 14th Annual Mentoring Conference**

The Mentoring Institute at UNM will hold its 14th Annual Mentoring Conference, "*Mentoring in an Interconnected World*" from October 18 – 22, 2021. The conference will host a broad constituency of higher education academic researchers, educators, community leaders, administrators, non-profit partners, government agencies, and other professionals. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- **Experimental Biology 2022 Meeting**

Abstract Submission and Registration are now open for the [Experimental Biology 2022](#) meeting. The meeting will be held April 2-5, 2022 in Philadelphia. The abstract submission deadline is November 30, 2021.

MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **American College of Physicians, New Mexico Chapter**
 - November 5-6, 2021
 - University of New Mexico Health Science Center, Albuquerque, NM.
 - Click [HERE](#) for Registration Information (*Free for Medical Students or Residents*)

- **OMED21**
 - October 23-34, 2021
 - Phoenix, AZ
 - Click [HERE](#) for More Information

- **Educating Leaders 2022, the AACOM Annual Conference**
 - April 27-29, 2022
 - Nashville, TN (onsite and online)
 - Click [HERE](#) for More Information

- **Experimental Biology 2022**
 - April 2-5, 2022
 - Philadelphia, PA
 - Click [HERE](#) for More Information

- **Institutional Review Board (IRB)**
 - September 27, 2021, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 - *Last Day to Submit Materials for Meeting: September 14, 2021*
 - Email: IRB@bcomnm.org

- **Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)**
 - November 10, 2021, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 - *Last day to submit materials for this meeting: October 28, 2021*
 - Email: Research@bcomnm.org

- **Research Advisory Council (RAC)**
 - September 24, 2021, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (*Note: Due to the Distinguished Researcher Seminar at noon, the RAC meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.*)

POLICY & REGULATORY UPDATE

- ***Burrell College New or Updated Policies and Procedures***
 - The Office of Research is currently conducting our annual review of all policies and procedures. We will update any changes in future editions.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, MEETINGS, and NOTICES

- [NIH Weekly Funding Opportunities and Notices](#) – September 17, 2021

- American Osteopathic Association
 - [AOA Research Grants](#) for DOs, MDs, and PhDs
 - [Research Opportunities](#) for resident physicians, fellows and osteopathic medical students
- [Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services](#) (Search for Opportunities)

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

- ***Information on Publishing Venues***
 - The Office of Research and the Burrell College Health Sciences Library are available to assist with any questions that you may have regarding appropriate places to publish your research.

RECENT AND FORTHCOMING SCHOLARLY WORK BY BURRELL COLLEGE RESEARCHERS

(Please email us with your news and we will add it to future Updates.)